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## Louisiana Forest Products

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# TIMBER CUTTINGS, JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 1973 WITH COMPARISONS

Sawlogs cut during the first eleven months of 1973 totaled 1,028,954,000 board feet. This volume represents a decrease of 7.2 percent compared with the same period a year ago but 4 percent more than the January-November average harvest of the previous five years.

Pulpwood cuttings through November this year have amounted to 3,325,823 cords. Harvest is running 5.4 percent ahead of last year and almost 37.4 percent above the January-November, 1967-71 average.

An additional 12,574,000 board feet of sawtimber and 53,226 cords of pulpwood were severed under reforestation contracts.

## MARKET SUMMARY, FOURTH QUARTER, 1973

Sawlogs: Stumpage prices paid for pine sawlogs averaged \$88.50 per thousand board feet. Prices were unchanged from the previous quarter's average but ran more than 22 percent above the average for the same period a year ago. Most hardwood species held steady with July-September average prices but showed sizeable increases over last year. Delivered-to-plant prices increased 2.3 percent for pine, 7.3 percent for cypress and from about 1 to 4.5 percent for all other species compared with the previous quarter.

Poles: Selective buying of poles was indicated by some reports with overall prices averaging at the same level as the previous quarter or barely above.

Pulpwood: The pulpwood market was firm. On the average, prices ran slightly higher compared with the July-September quarter.

Wood Chips: Prices paid for Pine wood chips ranged from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per ton, F.O.B. sawmill with most mills reporting \$8.90. Woods Run hardwood chips ranged from \$8.00 to \$8.20 per ton.

During the October-December quarter, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported:

SAWLOGS			PULPWOOD	
Specie	MBF 1/	Ave. Price Dollars/MBF	Cords	Ave. Price Dollars/Cord
Syp	34,093	138.97	43,147	6.62
Mix. Hdwd.	780	36.35	3,247	2.89

1/ Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule

AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, OCT.-DEC., 1973

WITH COMPARISONS

- Forest Service Sales are excluded from following reported prices -  
 STATE AVERAGE

		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Oct.-Dec. 1973	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
		(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
(A) Sawlogs (Stumpage)									
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	91.20	81.65	85.85	90.00	1/	88.50	88.50	72.30
Cypress	"	1/	54.40	1/	1/	40.00	42.10	37.05	33.90
Red Oak	"	26.75	45.60	31.20	1/	40.00	33.10	33.90	25.35
White Oak	"	26.90	42.50	31.70	1/	1/	31.25	32.50	23.70
Sweet Gum	"	26.90	43.10	32.75	1/	36.65	33.00	35.10	25.85
Tupelo Gum	"	26.75	43.10	31.50	1/	35.00	32.95	33.35	24.75
Black Gum	"	31.90	43.50	36.00	1/	1/	37.50	38.95	23.70
Willow	"	36.10	42.60	30.00	1/	35.00	37.35	34.85	24.60
Ash	"	36.10	59.40	38.35	1/	45.00	45.10	46.90	31.05
Cottonwood	"	36.10	46.90	1/	1/	41.25	41.40	39.35	28.40
Mixed Hardwoods	"	36.10	44.40	29.50	1/	36.25	37.10	36.40	25.10
(B) Sawlogs (Delivered)									
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	121.70	118.35	119.35	121.75	1/	121.40	118.65	101.20
Cypress	"	1/	92.90	1/	1/	80.00	82.85	77.20	63.85
Red Oak	"	60.50	87.10	62.00	1/	76.65	69.65	69.00	57.60
White Oak	"	60.85	79.60	61.80	1/	66.00	67.05	65.95	55.30
Sweet Gum	"	61.85	85.40	68.15	1/	76.00	71.60	71.40	58.80
Tupelo Gum	"	60.45	81.90	67.00	1/	73.35	69.45	67.40	57.95
Black Gum	"	76.90	77.70	70.00	1/	65.00	73.20	70.55	58.50
Willow	"	1/	84.25	68.35	1/	73.35	76.85	73.45	61.90
Ash	"	75.85	97.90	70.00	1/	90.00	86.00	82.50	65.00
Cottonwood	"	1/	87.90	1/	1/	76.65	79.70	76.25	63.50
Mixed Hardwoods	"	75.85	85.90	66.25	1/	75.00	77.15	74.10	60.40
2. Poles, Barky (FOR Plant or Concentration Point) -- Each --									
30-Ft. Class	5.	7.75	1/	7.40	1/	1/	7.60	6.95	4.75
"	6.	6.80	1/	6.40	1/	1/	6.65	6.05	4.35
"	7.	4.65	1/	5.25	1/	1/	5.00	4.45	3.60
35-Ft. Class	4.	13.95	1/	12.65	1/	1/	13.40	12.10	9.05
"	5.	12.70	1/	11.30	1/	1/	12.00	11.30	8.75
"	6.	9.60	1/	8.90	1/	1/	9.35	8.75	6.20
"	7.	6.65	1/	6.95	1/	1/	6.80	6.35	4.15
40-Ft. Class	2.	24.20	1/	22.10	1/	1/	23.00	22.15	13.80
"	3.	22.05	1/	19.35	1/	1/	20.85	19.60	13.10
"	4.	18.15	1/	16.20	1/	1/	17.50	16.50	11.95
"	5.	15.80	1/	14.00	1/	1/	15.10	14.35	10.70
"	6.	12.25	1/	11.30	1/	1/	11.80	10.95	8.85
45-Ft. Class	2.	28.50	1/	25.55	1/	1/	26.80	25.80	16.20
"	3.	25.40	1/	22.00	1/	1/	23.95	22.75	15.35
"	4.	21.65	1/	19.20	1/	1/	20.45	19.80	13.85
"	5.	19.15	1/	18.35	1/	1/	18.80	17.35	12.45
50-Ft. Class	2.	32.90	1/	28.35	1/	1/	30.30	30.00	20.35
"	3.	29.00	1/	24.50	1/	1/	27.10	26.95	19.35
"	4.	24.65	1/	21.95	1/	1/	23.10	22.90	16.55
55-Ft. Class	2.	42.20	1/	37.60	1/	1/	39.60	39.00	29.25
"	3.	36.15	1/	31.85	1/	1/	34.45	34.05	27.35
"	4.	31.65	1/	26.25	1/	1/	28.60	28.20	20.95
60-Ft. Class	2.	49.10	1/	45.30	1/	1/	46.90	45.35	38.45
"	3.	42.95	1/	40.20	1/	1/	41.40	40.10	34.70
65-Ft. Class	2.	60.55	1/	60.45	1/	1/	60.45	58.95	51.55
"	3.	52.40	1/	52.75	1/	1/	52.60	51.20	47.15
70-Ft. Class	2.	69.45	1/	67.20	1/	1/	68.15	67.75	62.85
"	3.	61.50	1/	59.65	1/	1/	60.45	60.50	58.15
75-Ft. Class	2.	83.70	1/	82.45	1/	1/	83.00	82.70	78.90
"	3.	73.90	1/	71.35	1/	1/	72.45	72.35	71.05
80-Ft. Class	2.	98.70	1/	98.60	1/	1/	98.65	99.65	97.40
"	3.	84.10	1/	84.90	1/	1/	84.55	85.30	86.05

						STATE AVERAGE		
						Oct.-Dec. 1973	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
3. Pulpwood, Per Cord:	Area 1 (Dollars)	Area 2 (Dollars)	Area 3 (Dollars)	Area 4 (Dollars)	Area 5 (Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
Pine, Stumpage	5.40	5.55	5.80	5.00	1/	5.50	5.40	4.75
Pine, FOB Car	24.85	1/	23.50	1/	1/	24.10	23.35	19.55
Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage	2.25	3.10	2.50	2.85	2.65	2.60	2.45	2.35
Hardwood, Mixed FOB Car	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	23.75	22.90	19.00
Hardwood, Woods Run Stumpage	2.05	2.40	2.20	2.65	2.65	2.30	2.15	1.85
Hardwood, Woods Run FOB Car	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	17.50

1/ Insufficient number of quotes to report by area, but included in state average.  
2/ Data not comparable.

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement of this report.

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